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elastin (e-las'tin)

A yellow elastic fibrous mucoprotein that is the major connective tissue protein of elastic structures (e.g., large blood vessels, tendons, ligaments, etc.); *e. precursor* is proelastin. SYN: elastin.

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fibroblast (fi'bro-blast)

A stellate or spindle-shaped cell with cytoplasmic processes present in connective tissue, capable of forming collagen fibers; an inactive *f.* is sometimes called a fibrocyte.

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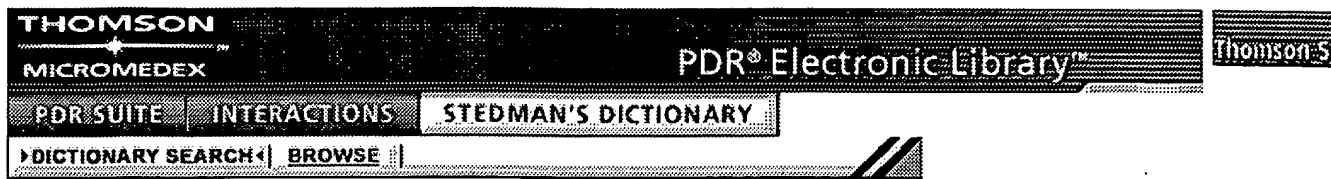
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chondrocyte (kon'dro-sit)

A nondividing cartilage cell; occupies a lacuna within the cartilage matrix. SYN: cartilage cell. [chondro- + G. *kytos*, 1 a hollow (cell)] **isogenous c.** a clone of cartilage cells derived from one cell by division; occur in a cluster called an isogenous nest.

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myoblast (mi'o-blast)

A primitive muscle cell with the potentiality of developing into a muscle fiber. SYN: sarcoblast, sarcogenic cell.
[myo- + G. *blastos*, 1 germ]

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